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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS TRASH CONTAINERIZATION IN BOSTON

WHEREAS, The City of Boston is responsible for the collection of residential solid waste, including trash and recycling; *and*

WHEREAS, The management of solid waste is foundational to public health, pest control, and the quality of life for Boston residents; *and*

WHEREAS, The City's guidance to residents is for trash to be placed on the curb between 5:00 PM the night before and 6:00 AM the day of scheduled collections in a container with a lid, a 2 ply bag, or plastic bag with a minimum thickness of 0.9 millimeters; *and*

WHEREAS, The built environment of Boston is varied, and several neighborhoods, notably downtown neighborhoods, have limited outdoor space to store or site trash containers for pickup; *and*

WHEREAS, In several of Boston's downtown neighborhoods, the standard practice is to use trash bags rather than lidded containers; *and*

WHEREAS, This lack of dedicated space for storing and for staging trash bins for collection is causing many downtown neighborhoods to be routinely inundated with loose or poorly contained trash, and is providing sustenance to rodents; *and*

WHEREAS, An innovative and community-tested solution is needed to improve the state of residential trash storage in Boston's downtown neighborhoods; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss options for a household trash containerization pilot for the City of Boston's downtown neighborhoods, and that representatives from the Public Works Department, the Mayor's Office of New Urban Mechanics, Inspectional Services Department, and the public be invited to testify.

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